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GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE Fund,......1,300,000 Dollars.

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INTEREST ALLOWED. N Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 percent, per annum on the daily balance.

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For Fixed Deposits :--For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. 4 per cent. 5 per cent. ,,

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan. T. JACKSON,

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Hongkong, February 15, 1879. ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

TATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS. At 3 months' notice 8% per Annum. On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager. Oriental Bank Corporation,

Hongkong, November 23, 1878. CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUS-TRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL,....£800 000.

RESERVE FUND,£150,000. · Bankere.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND. THE CITY BANK.

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HE BANK'S ERANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per centi per annum on the daily balance. ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent, per alinuit. per cent. 12 5 per cent

HUTCHIN_GS begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may

grant him their support. Snor-Wellington Street, opposite the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

RECENTLY ARRIVED.

FOR SALE. DODGERS'S CELEBRATED CUT-

IL LERY. WATERLOW'S and DE LA RUE'S STATIONERY. DESSERT and DINNER SERVICES.

TABLE GLASSWARE. GENTS TOOL CHESTS. CABIN SUSPENSION and BULK HEAD SWINGING LAMPS for OIL. CABIN SWINGING CANDLE

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A Large and Choice Assortment of American and English ELECTRO.PLATED WARE. NEW and POPULAR BOOKS, INSTRUCTIVE and AMUSING.

EDUCATIONAL WORKS. WORKS OF REFERENCE. PRESENTATION BOOKS. NOVELS, &c.

MUSIC & SONGS. -by First-class Composers, OPERAS. MUSICAL INSTRUCTION BOOKS, &c.

> Selection of SHERRIES. Very Fine "O. K." BOURBON WHISKY. CHATEAU DE FRANDS. (A fine full flavoured Breakfast CLARET.) BRANDIES. GIN. LIQUEURS.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO. Hongkong, February 21, 1879.

FOR SALE. LIUGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL FLOWER WATER.

THANK BULLE SUPERIOR TO ALL SIMILAR PREPARATIONS.

VOGEL & Co., Eole Agents for China, Hongkong, February 19, 1879.

NOW READY.

CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts 1 and II., A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tübingen.

Price: FIVE DOLLARS, or Two DOLLARS AND A HALF per Part. To be had from Messis Lane, Crawford & Co., Hongkong and Shanghal; and Mesars KELLY & WALSH, Shanghal. Hongkong, March 1, 1678,

Notices of Firms.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Hongrong Agency.

TAROM Date Mr G. DE CHAMPEAUX Assumes the Management of the Company's Agency at this Port.

L HENNEQUIN, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879.

NOTICE.

FIGHE Interest and Responsibility Mr WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on Premises lately occupied by Messrs, Rose the 31st December last. Mr CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is

admitted a Partner from This Date. RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

HAVE admitted Captain EDWARD BURNIE to an Interest in my Business of Marine Surveyor.

R. H. CAIRNS. Club Chambers,

Hongkong, February 6, 1879, NOTICE.

HAVE This Day Established inyself as a COMMISSION MERCHANT, &c. at No. 2, Queen's Road, under the Style of "J. G. SMITH & Co."

J, GRANT BMITH. Houghong, January 1, 1879.

Intimations.

COURVOISIER'S BRANDY. CHUBBS' SAFES. WHITBREAD'S STOUT. VAN HOBOKEN'S GIN.

FOSTER'S Bottled ALE and STOUT. SILBER LIGHT LAMPS. French JAMS, Confiturerie de St. James. | CONSTABULARY REVOLVERS. STARKEY'S GOLD LACE and OFFICERS' THE NEW LIFE JACKET. DECORATIONS. BAXTER'S CANVAS.

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Beg to call Special Attention to the following Departments:-COAST ORDER DEPARTMENT:

ORDERS from the COAST or OUT-PORTS are Promptly and Carefully INDIA RUBBER SHEETS, Assorted Executed. Goods not in Stock will be procured, if possible, in the Colony.

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BOOKS, SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, ORNAMENTAL HOUSE or GAR. DEN FITTINGS, FURNITURE, PIANOS, MEDICINES, BILLIARD TABLES, ARMS, &c., &c., ordered from England, at a Commission (all trade discounts being allowed) on the laid down cost, of 5 per cent. on amounts over, and 10 per cent. on amounts under \$100.

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PACKAGES OF CURIOS, TEA, PRESERVES, &c., &c., forwarded to any Address in the United Kingdom by each P. & O. Mail, Charges in full collected either here or from the Consignees as desired. Particulars required with each Package are, Contents for declaration at Customs and value for insurance.

OHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT LOAN 1877.

Hongkong, February 27, 1879.

THE COUPONS falling due 28th February current of the above LOAN, together with the BONDS DRAWN for Redemotion, will be Paid at the Office of this CORPORATION on and after that Date. For the

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking CORPORATION. Agents Issuing the Loan,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Hongkong, February 22, 1879.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. THE DIVIDEND declared for the Halfyear ending 31st December last, at. the Rate of ONE, POUND STERLING (£1 Stg.) per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 17th Current, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

NOTICE.

my19 THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAM-BER OF COMMERCE.

> THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS of The Hongkong GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, is UN-AVOIDABLY POSTPONED to TUES-DAY, the 4th March, 1879, at 3.30 p.m. By Order,

E. GEORGE, Secretary. Hongkong, February 25, 1879.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

ONTRIBUTING Shareholders are requested to send in an ACCOUNT OF BUSINESS CONTRIBUTED during the half year ended 31st December 1878, on before March 31st, on which date the Accounts will be Closed. By Order of the Board of Directors.

Secretary. Hongkong, February 25, 1879.

D. GILLIES,

NOTICE.

TRS. J. F. ROSE begs to intimate to the Ladies of Honomong, Canton and the COAST PORTS that on the 18T MARCH she will OPEN a DRAPERY and DRESS-MaKING Business in the & Co., next door to the Hongkong Hotel, Queen's Road.

All communications to be addressed to Mrs J. F. Rose, as the Business will be conducted on her sole account. Hongkong, February 1, 1879.

DENTAL NOTICE,

TR. ROGERS will visit Shanghal during the Summer Months, leaving Hongrous on the 1st of April next. Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

NOTICE.

ROM the 1st of Cotober, DE EASTLACKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S RUAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL Hangkong, September 29, 1878,

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

ON SATURDAY NEXT, the 1st March, the "WHITE OLOUD" will leave for MACAO at 2.30 p.m., and on the Return Trip on MONDAY, will leave at 7.30 a.m. First-class Fare to MACAO and Back between SATURDAY and Monday, \$3; Second class, \$1.50.

> By Order, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 25, 1879.

NOTICE TO MARINERS. No. 98. CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT .- WOOSUNG RIVER.

WOOSUNG INNER BAR SIGNALS. Auction, on

ATOTICE is hereby given that on and after the 31st March, 1879, Geometrical Signals will be substituted for A. McG. HEATON, Esq.,the flags now in use at the Woosung Inner Bar Station, shewing the depth of water on the Bar during the day.

An explanatory diagram, shewing th signals which indicate the depth of water from 10 feet to 241 feet and which will show the same in approaching the signal station both from Shanghai and from seaward, is added herewith.

To indicate a rising tide a ball will be hoisted at the mast head. In case of there being greater or less depths of water than here given, the number of feet will be signalled by the "Universal Code of Signals" at the masthead, and the half feet by a red and white flag at the yard arm.

By order of the Inspector-General of Customs. GERALD E. WELLESLEY.

Acting Engineer-in-Chief. Imperial Maritime Customs, Engineer's Office, Shanghai, 31st Jan., 1879.

Depth of water in feet on Bar.	South Yerd-arm. North Yard-arm.	Depth of water in feet on Bar.	South Yard-arm. North Yard-arm.
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TAKABHIMA COAL

THE Undersigned are prepared to DE-L styra the above COAL, or Godown, in quantities to suit Purchasers. LINSTEAD & Co. Hongkong, Pebrillary 1, 1670.

Sales Rooms, Praya, on

FRIDAY. the 28th February, 1879, at Noon,-Electro Plated Cruet Stands, Butter Dishes, Purses, Toys, Pipes, Pocketbooks, Handkerchiefs, Tea Cups, Wine

Glasses, Ink. 2 Wardrobes, 1 Cheval Glass. 5 drums Carbolic Acid. 6 1-bbls, Choice California Butter. Hams. 6 tierces Bacon. 2 cases

Eastern States Cheese Above will be sold in lots to suit Pur Hongkong, February 26, 1879. fe28

By order of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CLUB LUSITANO, with the sanction of a majority of the Shareholders given in General Meeting.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY, the 1st March, 1879, at 2 p.m., on the $\mathbf{Premises.}$ — LOT 1 .- All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, being portion of Inland Lot No. 125, measuring about 6,406 square feet, with a Frontage of 91 feet, more or less, on Elgin Terrace; and the MATERIALS of that portion of the Building known as the LUSITANO THEATRE, being upon the

said Piece of Ground. Lot 2.—The GAS SUNLIGHT BRACKETS, PIPES, and other GAS FITTINGS, and SEATS in the said Theatre.

Conditions of Sale and Particulars of the Property may be obtained upon application at the Office of the Undersigned, where also a Plan of the Premises quick despatch. may be seen.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.Hongkong, February 12, 1879. mal

AUCTION OF ENGLISH-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, GRAND PIANO,

ANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been instructed to sell by Public

WEDNESDAY. the 5th March, 1879, at 2 o'Clock p.m., at "The Hermitage," the Residence of The whole of the English-MADE FUR-NITURE, comprising :- A Drawing-

Room Suite of Ebonized Walnut Covered with Cretonne, Whatnots, Side Tables, Chiffoniere, Mantel-piece Mirror, Chromolithographs, Window Curtains, &c, &c. DINING ROOM FURNITURE, comprising :-Polished Oak Chairs and Couches covered Morocco, Sideboard,

Dining Table, Whatnot, Electro-plated Ware, Glass, and Crockery Ware, &c., &c. BED ROOM SUITE, consisting of :-Polished Ash Wardrobes with Mirror Doors, Dressing Tables, Chests of Drawers, Chairs, Toilet Glass, Writing Table, and a Brass Bedstead with Spring and

Horse-hair Mattress, &c., &c., &c. A GRAND PIANO, by John Broad-WOOD & SONS. Catalogues will be issued, and the Furniture will be on view from Noon of

Tuesday, the 4th. Hongkong, February 26, 1879.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. Naval Store keeper, to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

the 11th of March, 1879, at 11 o'clock a.m., at H. M. NAVAL YARD,-Sundry condemned NAVAL and VIC-TUALLING STORES, comprising :-Old Wrought and Cast Iron, Iron Tanks, Leather Hoses, Canvas, Lamps, Lanterns, Glass, Clocks, Boats, etc., etc., Sundry Provisions, Clothing, etc.

2817 lbs. Tobacco. TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery In Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer. J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Hengkong, Feb. 21, 1879. MOORE & Co.,

Government Auctioneer.

"VARIBTY STORE," NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS. No. 42, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, September 10, 1878,

Shipping.

Steamers. ANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will FOR AMOY, TAMSUI & TAIWANFOO. The Steamship "HAILOONG," Captain GOODE, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 1st Proximo, at Noon.

> DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, February 25, 1879. AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGA-

For Freight or Passage, apply to

TION COMPANY. FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN. SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports. TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI

The Company's Steamship EDMUNDSON, Commander, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 5th Proxime, at

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., Hongkong, February 18, 1879.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR MANILA. The Spanish Barque "VIOENTA," Captain TREMOVA, will have immediate despatch as above. For Freight, apply to

REMEDIOS & Co.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, February 24, 1879. FOR VIOTORIA (VANCOUVER'S ' ISLAND).

The A 1 American Bark "HELENE," Captain Snow, will lead here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, February 13, 1879.

The A 1 American Bark Captain Hall, will load here for the above Port, and have

For Freight, apply to

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 American Ship "MATCHLESS."

Captain Dawes, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. FOR MANILA, The 3/3 L. 1 1 Italian Bark PITTALUGA, Master, will be despatched for the above Port on

For Freight, apply to VOCEL & Co. Hongkong, February 26, 1879.

FRIDAY, the 28th Instant.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American ***GOLDEN
LEWIS, Master,
For Freight, The A 1 American Ship "GOLDEN RULE," For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, February 26, 1879.

FOR PORTLAND. The A 1 American Bark "STILLMAN B. ALLEN," TAYLOR, Master. For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, February 26, 1879. FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Bark MILLAR, Master. "STRACATHRO"

Hongkong, February 18, 1879. FOR HAMBURG. The 8/3 L. 11 German Schooner KULPER, Master.

For Freight, apply to VUGEL & Co.

For Freight, apply to

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Hongkong, February 5, 1879. FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 American Ship "BLACK HAWK," How LAND, Mester. For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, January 80, 1879. FOR LONDON. The 3/3 L.I.I. Norwegian Ship Toblasen, Master.
For Freight, app "SUMARLIDE,"

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Ca Hongkong, January 30, 1879 FOR HONOLULU.

The A 1 American Barkentine "MIGNON," Soule, Master. For Freight, For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 British Bark "HAZELHURST," Govdey, Master.
For Freight

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co Hongkong, January 80, 1879,

Notices to Consignees

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Teviot, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of are being landed, at their risk into the Godowns of Messrs Butterfield & Swire, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,

unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m., To-day. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 4th Proximo will be | Notary.

subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,

Hongkong, February 26, 1879.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

ONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship BELGIU, from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, February 26, 1879.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAM-SHIP "SAINT MARK, FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby notified that the cargo will be landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned, (the Hongkong Wharf and Godowns, Wanchai), whence and from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be sent on, unless Notice to the contrary be received before 5

p.m. to-day. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 2nd Proz. will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

MEYER & Co.,

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

Hongkong, February 22, 1879.

DJEMNAH.

NOTIOE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. Gange, from London, tion with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being aded and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be

unless intimation is received from the Consigness, before To-bay, the 21st Instant, at Noon, requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

Goods remaining unclaimed after FRI-DAY, the 28th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at

No Fire Insurance has been effected. G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Ex "Ava."

AME (in diamond) AMC (underneath) No. 8/9, Order, 2 cases Haberdashery, frem London.

London.

intimations.

GEORGE PHILIP DARK (DECEASED.)

TLAIMS against the above Estate should be sent in to the Undersigned before the 15th of March. H. F. HANCE.

Canton, Feb. 25, 1879.

Melther the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay

Pacific, German steamer, Capt. Hern: aneim-Siemasen & Co.

Haje, -Melohers & Co. R. M. HATWARD, American schooler.

Captain Doane, -Remedios & Co. Wanderind Minstert, British barque, Dobt. Sievewright .- Captain. Lines, British barque, Capt. T. Brown.

Eduard Schellham & Co. Name Man Gisson, American barque Capt Di radford blever & Co.

Intimations.

3rd DRAWING.

Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods Chinese Imperial Government Loan 1877

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the stipulation contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following numbers of Bonds to be paid off at par, on the 28th of February next (1879), when the Interest thereon will cease to be payable, were this day Drawn at the Offices of the Hongkove and Shanghai Banking CORPORATION, situate No. 31 Lombard Street, in this City, in the presence of Mr. WILLIAM NICHOLLS, Acting Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned

NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN.

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51	1666	3276	4880	6492	8095	9703	11315	12932	14536	l
59	1680	3279	4900	6500	8110	9718	11335	12940	14550	ı
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79	1999	3612	6215	6821	8438	10045	11653	18268	14870	_
03	2011	8622	5285	6837	8448	10066	11667	13284	14883	•
18	2029	3640	5241	6857	8463	10071	11689	13289	14899	•
32	2085		5263	6868	8483	10084	11691	18301	-14918	
45	2058	8666	5268	6876	8485	10095	11710	18317	14927	•
59	2072	8682	5292	6892	8500	10117	11729	13835	14942	
78	2081	3691	5294	6908	8517	10130	11784	18847	14955	
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TN consequence of an ACCIDENT to the S. S. Amoy's Properties, the Steamer has gone to ABERDEEN DOCK for the purpose of Repairing, and her Cargo from Canton and here will be DISCHARGED into the S. S. Ningpo at Aberdeen and CONVEYED by that steamer to the North. SIEMSSEN & Co.,

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 26, 8.35 p.m., Penedo, British str., 652, J. Cain, Saigon Feb. 22, Rice.-MELCHERS & Co. Feb. 26; Echo, British barque, from | SATURDAY, March 1:-

Whampoa. Feb. 27, Tartar, German brig, 256, H. Kaemena, Quinhon Feb. 6, General.-MELCHERS & Co. Feb. 27, China, British steamer, 1086, f. Alderton, Yokohama Feb. 20, daylight,

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DEPARTURES.

Feb. 27, Rossetta MoNeil, for San Francisco. 27, Delphin, for Newchwang. 27, Ningpo, for Canton 27, America, for Yokokama. 27, Hylton Castle, for Touron.

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SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Penedo reports: Light Easterly winds and fine weather to within 40 miles of Gap Rock, thence to port strong breeze and cloudy, arrived off Green Island at 8.35 p.m. 26th.

POST OFFICE NOTICES. MAILS will close:—

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.— Per Nestor, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow. the 28th inst., instead of as previously notified. FOR AMOY, TAMSUI, AND TAIWAN .-

Per Hailoong, at noon, on Saturday, the 1st March. For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW .-Per Kwangtung, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 1st March, instead of as pre-

viously notified. SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, AND H(0G0.— Per Teviot, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the

For SAIGON .--Per Argyll, at 3,30 p.m., on Monday, the The Manufactory is under direct and 3rd March.

For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c -Per Ocean, at 11 30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 5th March.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

British Contract Packet Gwalior will be despatched on SATURDAY the 1st March, with Mails to and the United Kingdom and Europe vid Brindisi or Southampton to the Straits Settlements, Batavia Burmab, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B. - This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET .-

The French Contract Packet Ava will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 5th March, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, vid Naples; to Salgon, Pira'ts Settlements, Baravio, Burmah, O. y'on, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bcm. bay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET. The United States Mail Packet Belgic, will be despatched on M NDAY, the 17th March, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:---

2.15 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases. 2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may until the tithe of departure. Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies

(except the Bahamas and Monte Video, Paragusy, and Urtiguay can no longer be sent by this route. Hongkong, Fabruary 36, 1879,

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

HOURS OF CLOSING

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW. THE CONTRACT MAILS. The following hours are observed in closing Mails, dro., by both the British and Capt. Punchard, will be de-French Contract Packets :---

Day before departure,-5 P.M. - Money Order Office closes; Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Day of departure,-7 A.H.—Post Office opens.

10 A.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

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General Memoranda.

Noon,-English Mall leaves for Ports of Call and Europe. Noon.—Hailoong leaves for Amoy, &c. 2 p.m. -Sale of Lusitano Theatre. 2.30 p.m. - White Cloud leaves for Macao.

SUNDAY, March 2:--Daylight. - Kwangtung leaves for Coast Daylight.—Teviot leaves for Shanghai, &c. Goods per Saint Mark undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Monday, March 3:-9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

TUESDAY, March 4:-3.30 p.m.—Meeting of The H. K. General Chamber of Commerce at the City Hall. date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, March 5:-Noon. Ocean leaves for Port Darwin, &c. 2 p.m. —Sale of Household Furniture, &c., at Mr Heaton's residence, "The Hetmitage."

SATURDAY, March 8:-Noon .- French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe. MONDAY, March 10:---3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The-

Chinese Insurance Co., Limited, at No. 39, Queen's Road. Transfer Books of The Chinese Insurance Co., Ld., closed from this date to 24th

March, inclusive. TUESDAY, March 11:-11 a.m.—Sale of Sundries at Naval Yard.

MONDAY, March 17:-3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

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THE CHINA MAIL. HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEB. 27, 1879.

THERE are one or two features in the case of the Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company, heard at the Police Court yesterday, which must be somewhat puzzling to the public. One is chair-maker, named Chan Afun, was received" by Inspector Matheson should have considered it advisable to sat in operation the provisions of an ordinance, which every one admits are nonsensical, and which were at the time of this prosecution known to be undergoing important modifications. The procesdings were taken under an Ordinance passed in 1876. It was made clearly

evident at the previous prosecution of the Company that the number of passengers allowed to be carried in the Canton boats under this Ordinance was absurdly small, while it compelled the magistrate to inflict a fine, the amount of which appeared to cause His Worship, himself, a considerable amount of as to meet with general approval, but chiefly on account of the tetrific pressure mr 19 the overworked members and employed trouble to the Police, owing to the sumber

of this Government to a premature extinguishment. We state this as a chief reason only, because we believe some delay was occasioned in the passing of the Ordinance through a happy thought occurring to somebody at the last moment to embody it in another measure of wider application. It may also be added that His Excellency the Governor reduced the fine of \$4,020, imposed on the Company on the occasion to which we are referring, to the nominal one of \$100. Clearly, then, it was not considered desirable that the restrictions of the Ordinance of 1876 should be imposed on the trade of this Colony with Canton and Macao, or that the Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboat Company should be fined the preposterous sum of nearly 11,000 dollars for carrying the full number of passengers which, there is good reason to believe, their boats were capable of ac-

Under these circumstances, why should the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Harbour Master, or whoever is responsible for this prosecution, suddenly start into activity, put the condemned provisions of this wretched Ordinance into operation, and inflict a serious blow on one of the most important commercial undertakings we have in our midst. There has been ample outlet of late for the energy of the custodians of our lives and property, while sparing the Steamboat Company, and the proprietors of the rival, but equally unoffensive establishment, represented in the Ichang. Nor were the Police under any greater obligations to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance than they were to carry out certain salutary enactments for the suppressions of nuisances of various kinds which flourish in Hongkong, or for the carrying of lights and passes by the Chinese. By the laws of England any person, excepting a Jew, who works on Sunday, excepting in cases of necessity or charity, or cries a cabbage for sale in the streets, is liable to a penalty. These are laws, however, that it is not considered expedient to enforce. It seems a pity that a similar view was not taken of the Ordinance of 1876, considering its faulty construction, and the peculiar circumstances under which it still happened to be in existence.

At the same time, it is a little surpris-Goods per Teviot undelivered after this ing that the Company again allowed themselves to drift under the penalties of the enactment. We believe the Police swooped down on the two vessels at an exceptionally busy period in the Canton passenger traffic, but one naturally expected after the event of September 1877 to find the Company a little more on their guard. Their excuses doubtless are the difficulty of keeping the passengers down to a stipulated number at certain times in the year, and their disbelief, after the proceedings in the Legislative Council since their provious conviction, that the provisions of the Ordinance would be enforced. The offence committed by the Company is. at all events, not a very serious one. was shown pretty conclusively in evidence yesterday that they had not carried more passengers than they could accommodate with safety. Convenience is a matter for the passengers to consider, and not the Government. The extract from the Chief Officer's log, read in Court, must also be regarded as evidence that efforts had been made at Canton to keep down the number of passengers received on board, but that the limited crew on board were powerless to prevent the struggling, tenacious, mass of humanity from crowding into the steamer. A general proof of the Company's desire to keep on the safe side of the Ordinance was afforded by their doubling their fares immediately after their previous conviction. We are convinced there is a general desire that H. E. the Governor will treat the Company as leniently as possible under the circumstances, and that a small fine will be again inflicted.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Owing to one of the defendants in the case of mutiny and murder on board the British barque Kate Waters, being too ill to attend, the enquiry was further adjourned until Saturday, the 1st proximo, at 10 a.m.

THE following vessels were at Salgon on the 22nd instant :- Steamers: Peritsid: Olympia, Paknan, Ferntower, Hakon Adelstein, and Thingvalla. Barques : W. E. Gladstone, and Carnarvonshire.

THE only case of any importance before the Magistrates to-day was one in which a why those who gave the "instructions | charged by Inspector Corcoran with stealing a necklace, valued at \$27, from the neck of a woman in the public streets. He had previously thrown papper in her face. He was an old offender, having been sentented to 9 months' hard in 1877 at the Supreme Court, for largeny from a dwelling house. The defendant reserved his defence, and was committed for trial at the Supreme

Yearenday morning, about 6 o'clock, portion of the wall of the Old Civil Hospital fell with a crash, owing to the concussion caused by a heavy clap of thunder, but no tonishment. A Bill was shortly after- one was hurt. A portion of the wall, about wards introduced into the Legislative six feet wide and about six y feet in be posted on board the Packet with Council to dispose of this surprising height, is standing in a very datigerous Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage measure. That Bill has not yet got condition, and should be at once seen to. beyond the Council, not because it fails It is high time that the ruins of this once useful building be cleared away, as, besides of business, which is rapidly bringing being an eyesore, it is a source of endland

going on there. The Government ought to be the last to hold out temptation to the wretched half-starved coolies who are always prowling about the Colony in search of any kind of likelihood, honest or other-

THE rather unpleasant change in the weather looks anything but promising for on Saturday next. The will be somewhat heavy for Apropos of the weather there was a heavy fall of hail-stones early this morning; the hail-stones were very large, varying from \ to \ d of an inch in diameter, and they could be gathered We believe that no little damage has been done to plants and shrubs by this unusual peppering. What with thunder and lightning, heavy rain, hallstones, fogs, damp and a wretchedly muggy atmosphere, residence in our blessed little island is anything but enjoyable at present. A month of such weather, and we should all cease to smile, even though there should be a change for the better in the rate of exchange. Against this, of course, must be in that case the prosecutors might consider placed the incomparably fine weather of the last three or four months.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIMINAL SESSIONS. (Before the Chief Justice Sir John SMALE. 27th February, 1879.

The prisoners who had been found guilty were brought up for sentence:-Tang Ahoi, who was found guilty of kidnapping a child aged six years, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment with Lard labour, and ordered to be subjected to three months' solitary confinement in three seperate periods, each of one month In passing sentence His Lordship remarked that, although he was willing to believe that the prisoner was not implicated in the original stealing of the child, yet he concurred willingly in bringing the child to the Colony. This was the case in which the Jury had been unable to arrive at a unanimous verdict for some time, and were sent back three times by His Lordship in consequence.

Lee Achin :- The prisoner had pleaded guilty to child stealing. His Lordship said that the case was a very clear and at the same time an exceedingly bad one. He had stolen the child of a clansman in whose house he had been living, and had taken advantage of the hospitality shewn to him by stealing his friend's child. It was evident the prisoner knew what he was about by the manner in which he had behaved when he arrived here. It had evidently been the prisoner's intention to sell the child. His Lordship then sentenced the prisoner to 2 years' hard labour, and ordered him to be privately whipped twice, 25 strokes each time, with the regulation instrument, within the first 6 months of his sentence. His Lordship then said:-I have always hitherto, when I have sentenced an offender to be flogged, directed that he should be flogged in public. In dividually I hold that the deterrent effect of flogging as a p. evention of crime-brutal and brutalizing as it is-is in the publicity of that punishment. This has been the expressed opinion of each Judge who from 1865 to 1878 has from this Bench each directed the flogging to be public. I could not depart from such uniform precedents, but Mr Justice Snowden has held that the Court is not bound by such precedents, and he has uniformly directed the flogging to be in private. I may well defer to his high authority; I yield to it inasmuch as under the circumstances it is practically desirable to do so, but must repeat that I should not have felt myself justified in departing from the courses curiæ in this matter, ever since the ordinance was passed in 1865. I know that public opinion throughout Europe is on the whole greatly opposed to flogging, but this is a question for the legislature, not for the Bench. It is the duty of Judges to inflict statute direct, and to be merely the medium

of the infliction. The Acting Attorney General asked His Lordship if he had said the regulation instrument.

His Lordship said he had, it was necessary to mention the instrument. The Attorney General concurred.

It was the duty of the judges, continued His Lordship, to administer the law as they found it, and he should have no opinion except in so far as the law required him. Many had refused to become judges on this account, to their great honor be it said.

Fung Achol, Lo Ang, and Ng Min Chai :- The three prisoners (women) were found guilty of unlawfully detaining a and especially conserved. Upon the underfemale child under the age of 14 years, and the 2nd prisoner was further charged with bringing the child into the Colony for the purpose of selling her, but the Jury had acquitted her on the second count. The first prisoner had been recommended mercy by the Jury, and her counsel (Mr Ng Choy) urged this upon the notice of His Lordship, saying that she had not known the child was stolen and that she had in. condition of their compounding with the tended to adopt it.

His Lordship said he had not forgotten the recommendation of the Jury. He was willing to believe that the prisoner had intended the child for the matrimonial market, and not for a more disreputable one. He reminded Mr Ng Choy that he might damage his clients case if he said too much, and said that if there were no such persons as the prisoner to buy children there would be less reason for stealing them. He asked the prisoner if she had ever reflected on the misery she had caused the parents of the shild, and asked her to take the matter home to herself and think how she would feel if she was a mother and had her shildren atolen from her. The jury had recommended her to mercy and no would give that recommendation the fullest consideration he could give it, and sentenced her to 8 months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Lo Ahing, the second prisoner, and an bld woman, pleaded that she had lived here doing business in the Colony would be as been before the Court. She cried bitterly and pleaded for mercy on account of her pld age. The did not know, she said, that

of petty pilferings which are continually ahe had been guilty of any wrong and the payment for protection should be pro- observed during these years are also ap- following years). The years on both sides | members emigrating west of Chicago. It

trusted in God's goodness. at the business. He then sentenced her to 2 organization, together with the monstrous years' imprisonment with hard labour and subjected to one month's solitary confinement in 4 separate periods of 7 days each.

have run the risk of detection.

fools, and consequently got caught. He thought, looking at the long list of crimes for which the prisoner had been punished, that it would be an economy to the Colony to keep him in gaol, and the sentence of the Court therefore was that he be kept in penal servitude for 5 years.

[Some one here gave a low whistle].

His Lordship asked if the man Olsen was In custody, and the Attorney General said he was not. His Lordship remarked that themselves fortunate that the man had been forthcoming at the trial. The morality amongst the crew of the Colonia, he said, was very bad and he hoped exceptionable.

John Linstrom and Edward Carce, were then discharged by proclamation. They had been charged with cutting and wounding on board a ship at Yokohama. His Lordship read them a severe lecture and advised them strongly to remember what they owed to themselves and not give way to their passions. He said he hoped they would never forget how near they had been to spending some of the best years of their lives in a prison. They were then dis-

(Before Mr Justice Snowden.) The following sentences were then passed

by Mr Justice Snowden :-Chan Asze: Stealing one box of clothing, or attempting to steal it, from a junk at Yow mah-ti, and further being found armed with a knife-8 years' penalservitude, and to be once privately whipped 25 strokes, within the first air months of his sentence.

Chan Asing and Lam Akow :- The prisoners, who were found guilty of larceny from a dwelling house, were sentenced: the first to 12 months' hard labour (this | C.M.] being the first offence so far as the Court knew); and the second, against whom there were two previous convictions, to 4 years' penal servitude.

Tam Ahing and Tam Aloong :- Both prisoners had been found guilty: the first for larceny and the second for receiving property stolen-from the house of Mr James; and the first prisoner was further charged with stealing a watch, valued at \$35, the property of Mr Arnhold.

His Lordship in passing sentence on the first prisoner said that, he appeared to be a dangerous character, and the Colony would be the better of his being kept in gaol. He was then sentenced to 12 years' penal servitude for stealing the watch and 3 years' penal servitude on each of the three counts on which he had been found guilty in connection with the robbery from Mr James' house, but this sentence was concurrent with the former sentence, so that in reality he has only got to serve 12 years' penal servitude. The 2nd prisoner, who bore an exceedingly good character from his employer (Mr Ryrie), in whose service he had been for 8 years, was sent to 3 months' hard labour.

This closed the business of the Sessions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DUTY UPON FIRE INSURANCE. To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL." February 26, 1879.

Sin,-I regret that you should feel called upon to characterise as "fallacies" the remarks made by me at the meeting of the China Fire Insurance Company; and would remind you that we have seen some other "fallacies" whatever punishments the legislature by in which I indulged many years ago become substantial and accomplished fiscal facts. As] formerly ventured, in a very small minority, to support the policy of Sir Richard Graves MacDonnell in the imposition of a stamp tax upon commercial transactions, so I am now prepared to hold that a duty on the premia received upon fire insurance is altogether consistent with equity.

Whether this be levied ad valorem upon policies issued, or as an assessment upon the total annual sum received is a matter of indifference; the principle remains the same.

The justification is found in the paramount necessity existing for the prevention and extinction of fires, the large outlay and continued expenditure involved, by which the interests of a special class are primarily writers therefore who are mainly benefitted a portion of the cost should fall, and the remainder should be borne by the public. insurers and uninsured alike.

I quite agree with you that under an efficient municipal Government the duties of Fire Insurance Companies to extinguish fires may be fairly relegated by them to the public fire brigades; but only upon the municipality for the performance of this

My suggestion was that a duty of 21 per cent, upon the gross earnings be assessed. This would appear to have been the assessment intended by the framers of the act (28 & 29 Viota, cap. 90) for the establighment of the London Fire Brigade by which a payment is required from all Fire Insurance Companies in the Metropolis of £35 per million sterling of their risks, the average premia upon which may be estimated at something over 2/6 per £100.

Whilst entertaining the highest respect for the opinion expressed by the Hon. Chairman of the meeting, I cannot but believe that an ordinance prepared by the Attorney General of Hongkong, if approved by the Governor in Council, and confirmed by the Home Government, for the purpose of imposing a contribution towards Fire Brigade expenses upon all Fire Insurance; Companies in Hongkong, would be effectual for the little able as they would be disposed to

portionate. With the present very imper- pended. His Lordship said she had been found feet methods of communication, inadequate guilty and that she was evidently no novice | water supply, defective means, and want of abuse of fire which is constantly permitted solitary confinement for 2 months in se- amongst the native population, I consider parate periods of 14 days each. The third | the rates charged are insufficient; and that prisoner, Ng Min Chai, he said, was hardly | Fire Insurance in Hongkong, instead of as bad as the second, and she was sent to being, as it should be, a safe investment, is one year's hard labour and ordered to be a very speculative, although usually profitable business.

I take issue altogether with those who think that we may make too great pro-Low Aho :- The prisoner was found vision for preventing fires, and thus, by guilty of stealing 50 bags of flour on the discouraging insurance, injure the fire stock. 25th November from the American barque These are better days for Fire Insurance Coloma. There were also several previous | Companies than when they could get risks convictions against him. He still denied paying six per cent. per annum, bethe crime, saying that he was not the man. | fore the establishment of the "Hongkong" Had he been the thief, he said, he would and the "China"; and there will be a not have gone back to the ship and thus better chance of these Shares approaching in value that of the best of the Home Com-His Lordship said that, fortunately for | panies, viz., about 1,000 per cent. premium, society, great thieves were generally great | when, owing to a great improvement of the means of security, the rates of premia may be safely lessened. Shareholders, after they have received a good dividend upon their capital, may well be satisfied that a portion of their surplus be expended in the prevention and extinction of fires, rather than that their capital, dividends, and reserve should be alike endangered by such conflagrations as that of Christmas 1878. Yours &c.,

> GRANVILLE SHARP. We fully sympathise with Mr Sharp regarding minorities, as the China Mail represented the "very small minority" in favour of the Stamp Act, to which he belonged "a many years ago." This, however, has very little to do with Mr Sharp's reasoning on the subject of a tax on fire insurance, which we recently characterized as fallacious; nor does his letter which appears above seem to us to put the question more fairly. The position we take up is that fire, being a public enemy, should be guarded against by public money -not by the funds of those who buy or sell security from fire as a matter of legitimate business. It may sometimes pay underwriters—and it has paid them here in times gone by-to employ means, at their own expense, to assist a feeble Executive in the extinguishment of fires; but it is no part of an underwriter's duty to keep an engine to put out a fire which ought to be extinguished by the Government officials paid to fulfil that duty, still less to save the premises of a man who refuses to buy the security which a policy gives him. A tax levied on house property or upon householders would, to our mind, be much more fair than the proposal made by Mr Sharp. It would include all the underwriters as holders or occupiers of property, but rightly would not tax them as underwriters.—ED.

THE CHARACTER J. To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Feb. 24, 1879. Fir.—In your issue of the 22nd inst. the writer of "Chinese Notes" calls attention to the Character A, neither of the constituent elements of which appear to be phonetic, but both ideographic. The sound which properly belongs to this combination is undoubtedly the Cantonese Hat or

Hak, or its dialectic equivalents; Fooch. Kik, &c. These follow a law of change corresponding to Grimm's Law in the Aryan languages. But why another sound for the word in Canton and South China? The book interpretation of the word calls to mind a custom so prevalent in the East even till this day, of holding intercourse with the unseen (mil), respecting which an able article appeared some time since in the Contemporary Review, which may be supplemented by the interesting note of Dr. Caldwell in his Dravidian Grammar. Now I am strongly of opinion that we have in the Cantonese Sheng a connecting link between the Chinese, and their neighbours. The Burmese Nat (the Karen Na) is familiar by name to all readers of literature relating to the East. With reference to the Karen Na we may observe that Dr. Mason-a reliable authority on matters touching Burmah and the neighbourhood-thinks that "it is analogous (in meaning) to the Burmese Sung," This word is also found under the forms Son and Soung, and is defined as a witch or wizard, the gender being indicated by the qualitative masculine or feminine affix. This Sung is further supposed to

have the power of life or death. I can merely say that I some months ago made a note of this, but have allowed it to stand over, awaiting an opportunity to carry out the investigation further, and trace if possible the connexion between the Cantonese Shing (and the Burmese Sung. This I have as yet been unable to do.

With regard to the Cantoness pronunciation Hat, I may remark that those who are fond of finding phonetic equivalents for Chinese words in Aryan languages, will find that in Old Norse a wizard was called Heida. and no less a writer than Bunsen supported the idea that Heide, meaning heathen, was derived from this word rather than from the word for heath, so that heathen were not people from the heath, but sorcerers followers of winards. The Greek word Pharmakos seems to favour the idea; but the German heiden, Gothic haithno, and means are shewn in the above Table. such words as Pagan, Kuffir, &c.

I think the change from the book explanation of to the local, is not a great difficulty. It seems to indicate that the business has gradually passed out of the hands of the men, and that females-as I am told is the case in South China at least -are the chief agents consulted for discovering the mind of the MH.

Yours truly, "

RICHILDE.

RAINFALL IN CHINA: It is announced in the Peking Gazette of the 21st December last that the Governor of Shun-t'ien [Peking] has presented a memorial to the throne, reporting that

anow had fallen in the Capital to a depth of more than three inches. The average annual spowfall for the nine years from 1862 to 1871 [excluding 1868] was 3.7) in : the years of greatest and least fall being 1864 and 1869, when the depths were 62 in, and 1 in, respectively.

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By analyzing the above statistics and arranging so that the rainfall in the maximum aunspot years shall fall in the sixth column, we find that there are three cycles from 1848 to 1877, both inclusive.

TABLE I .- RAINFALL AT PEKING, 1843-1877.

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The rainfalls in the years of maximum anuspot, 1848, 1860, and 1870, are placed in the same vertical column, and the rainfalls in the five preceding and seven following years are given in the other vertical columns, respectively.

By taking a mean of the first and third thirteen means eleven new means, the first of maximum aunapot.

The mean annual rainfall for the mean period of eleven years we find to have been steamer, from Baltimore, via Liverpool. 23.58 inches, and the mean amount of has arrived here in a damaged condition. on the contrary we have the testimony of sunspots 145,28. The variations from these She reports that she collided with the

seventh year of the mean cycle instead of mer's bows were broken. in the nixth year. This may be accounted | London, Jan. 19.—Siz engineering firms for by the rainfall of 1871, which amounted at Huddersfield have locked out their to 44 inches, exceeding by 12.6 in, that of workmen for refusing to consent to an 1848 the heaviest rainfall in the three extension of the hours of labor. maximum sunspot years,

In comparing the Rainfall and Sunspots Boat Crew has declined to row with the variations as exhibited in the above Harvard Crew, because of the lateness of Table, we find that in four cases they fall the date named. together under the mean, namely, in the London, Jan. 20 .- Right Hon. W. E. 10th, 11th, 1st, and 2nd years of the Forster, speaking at a soirce of the Breadeleven year mean cycle, and in three cases ford Chamber of Commerce, said that he rise together above the mean, namely in did not deny that the strength of protecthe 5th, 6th and 7th years. In the 3rd tion in the United States was particularly and 4th years the rainfall is under the mean, disheartening, but he th night that no whereas the sunspots rise above the mean. threat of imposing counter duties would In the 8 h and 8th years this is reversed. have any effect. The United States would It should be remarked, however, that the only thereby be provoked to make an issue. numbers of their variations under and to see which side was the strongest. Beside, above their respective means are identical.

At page 597 of the Mineteenth Century because, to bring serious pressure on the for November 1877, Messra. Lockyes and United States, it would be necessary to tax Hunter, in their joint Article on "Sunspots such vital necessities as wheat and cotton. and Fatnines," remark !--

"The cyclic coincidence may be tested in another way. If there is a true coinci-The rainfall at Peking from the year dence, it should disclose a well-marked 1841 is here given in extento; and in order minimum group at the extremities of the to test the theory of the supposed con- cycle (in the eleventh, first, and second nexion between Solar Spots and Rainfall, wears), and a well-marked maximum group the middle of the eyele (the fifth and

yield intermediate results, and when taken | amalier, quarries mostly remain closed. together, should form a well-marked intermediate group."

Adopting the method suggested by Messrs. Lockyer and Hunter and applied by them to the rainfall of Madras, we find the following result in the case of the Peking | He refers to the new duties to be levied

rainfall TABLE IL.-RAINFALL IN GROUPS. Annual Aver- Relative Aver-Rainfall (Mean No. of Cycle). Bunspots Minimum inches. Group. 11th) year of 18.77 54.66 20.02 20.22 mean 2nd) cycle 21.87 87.41 Intermediate Group? 21.86year of 231.2421.30mean 116.87 cycle 21.6589.75 Maximum Group. 25.58273.24 year of 233.41 | 201.73 27.85 255.79 F mean cyclo 28.27 26.51

From this we see that the average rainfall of the four maximum years of the to the Minister of Finance. eleven year mean cycle exceeds the average annual rainfall of the four years composing the intermediate group by 5.02 inches, and upwards, and the guarantee not less than the average annual rainfall of the three 8 per cent." years forming the minimum group by 7.13 inches. On the other hand, the average Hiogo, the victim being a young French annual number of sunspots of the maximum | sailor of the corvette Cosmao. Three group exceeds the average annual number young men, apprentices and ordinary of the intermediate group by 54.07, and the seamen of the British barque John Milton. average annual number of the minimum were arrested of being concerned in the group by 135.09. We think that in case of murder. After the official inquiry into the the rainfall of Peking there is strong evid. | cause of the death, one of these youths was ence for believing that this coincidence is held to answer for the crime, the other not a mere accidental one. А. Н.

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TELEGRAMS BY THE AMERICAN

London, Jan. 16.—M. Comas & Co., London merchants, have failed. Liabilities £80,000

The Berlin National Zeitung, referring to the project of the Russian loan, says : European capitalists will only supply money if Russian armies in Turkey are withdrawn and Russian forbears to engage in a fresh funds. Sufficient evidence was taken to war in Asia.

The German Government, in consequence of the refusal of the Samoans to comply with its demands, has instructed the Ariadne and the gunboat Nautilus to exact satisfaction by force, if necessary. Berlin, Jan. 16.—It is rumoured that Bis-

opening of all letters at the frontier. Berlin, Jan. 17.—The Post says that Bismarck has declared privately that he was indifferent as to the fate of the Parliamentary Di cipline bill, which, he said, he pro-

London, Jan. 17.—Thos. W. Rooker and Co., Glamorganshire, iron masters, have The regulation is an ingenious one; and if failed. They owe the Bristol and West of England Bank £600.000.

-London, Jan. 18.—The Middleboro, Rosedale and Ferryhill Ivon Company has

Stockholm, Jan. 18.—The branch office of

auspended payment. Russe says: The proposal to extend the functions of the Commission for reorganization of Eastern Roumelia has received the assent of all the Powers, but such prolongation does not constitute a violation of the Treaty of Berlin. The Russian Administration of the Government of Eastern

labours of the reorganization Commission are concluded. London, Jan, 18.—Edward Mathew Ward, committed suicide. London, Jan. 18.—Weston started this

Roumelia also is thus prolonged until the

morning from the Royal Exchange to walk over highways 2000 miles in 1000 hours, and deliver 50 lectures. London, Jan. 19.—The cotton mills at

Preston have given notice of a reduction of wages of from 5 to 10 per cent. The Czar of Russia has ordered the

authorities of East Siberia to immediately despatch overland a sledge expedition, to ascertain the whereabouts of Nordensjold's expedition. London, Jan. 19.—The North Wales

Miners' Association has resolved to vote £7 to every member of the Union who desire to emigrate to America and £14 to emigrate to Australia. Notices were posted on Saturday by the Iron Trade Employers' Ass clation in the iron shlpbullding yards and foundries in Liverpool and the district around of a reduction of wages of 74 per cent. after the 31st of January. It is mean, and of that mean and the second thought the men will strike. At a meeting mean, and so on, we obtain from the of the Great Northern Railway's employes to-day, the men pledged themselves to of which corresponds with the years 1844, oppose any reduction of wages. The de-1856, and 1866, and the nith with the years | cision of the Directors of the road will be made known on Tuesday.

Corruna, Spain, Jan. 19 .- A Spanish British sailing vessel Langushire Witch The year of maximum rainfall falls in the which sank, with all on board. The stea-

London, Jan. 20. - Oxford University

such a policy would be impracticable,

London, Jan. 20. - The North Wales Slate Quarrymen's Union has effered the same premiums to its members who will emigrate as those offered by the North Wales Miners' Association, namely | 27 to those emigrating to America and \$14 to those desiring to go to Australia. The Quarrymen's Union offer £2 additional to

of the central maximum group should is believed that many will accept, as the

Berlin, Jan. 20.—Bismarck has written and caused to be published a letter appealing to the agricultural community of Germany to afford him their united and vigorous support in his work of fiscal reform. upon imported corn and cattle, and expresses the opinion that such taxation has become an unavoidable necessity.

At Breslau the police prohibited the collection of the contribution of money solicited by Socialist leaders, and arrested a man for soliciting in violation of the pro-

Bismarck is preparing to submit to the Federal Council a law for the regulation of railway tariffs.

Japan.

The following notification was issued on the 18th inst:-

NOTIFICATION NO. 8 BY THE DAIJOKUWAN. "It is hereby notified that those persons who have hitherto been trading in Mexican Dollars, at the port of Yokohama in Kanagawa Ken, are hereby strictly forbidden from so doing, and those who in future wish to establish and carry on the business or trade in Mexican Dollars should, in accordance with the regulations for Stock Exchange officers, notified as per Notification No. 8, in May, 1878, make application

" Note.—The amount of capital for such an establishment should be 150,000 yen or

A fatal stabbing affray is reported from two being discharged and sent on board their vessel. The Cosmao was under orders to proceed to Yokohama on the day following that of the tragedy; but her departure was delayed for some time.

Mr Blundel, an employé of the Government of the Straits Settlements, and a passenger by the steamer Glenorchy to this port, was shortly after his arrival arrested by a constable of the British Consulate. on authority received from Singapore. Blundel, who is well connected, is charged with the embezzlement of Government justify his detention, and he was then remanded until the 18th instant, and lodge for custody in the consular gaol.

-A Notification, having for its evident object the restriction of the business done in the purchase of satsu, especially as regards time bargains, has been issued by marck is preparing a bill authorizing the the Daijo Kwan. Exchange shops must obtain government licence to carry on their operations in accordance with the regulations, issued last year for the control of stockbroking. The capital to be employed by each firm of exchange merchants is fixed posed solely in the interest of the Reichstag at the high sum of yen 150,000; and at least three per cent of this to be lodged with the Finance Department as a guarantee. enforced cannot but tend, by the suppression of mere gambling in paper money, to put a very necessary and legitimate business upon a better footing than it now occupies. failed. Liabilities, £280,000; assets, The law appears to be enacted for the Kanagawa Ken only, where operations which are merely fictitious, having no the Gottenburg Commercial Company has actual financial basis, are most common. It has been suggested that it will have the St. Petersburg, Jan. 18.—The Agence effect only of changing the venue of the speculators: but this theory is not warranted. If even the gamblers should betake themselves en masse to Tokio, a most inconvenient locality for them, it will -be-no-difficult-matter-for an absolute government to make the decree applicable to the capital. By no code of fair criticism can the strictures which are passed by foreign commentators upon every measure of the Government be justified.

Quotations.

Hongkong, February 27, 1879. OPIUM.—New Patna, cash....\$575 Old Patna, cash,... credit. --New Benares, cash, 5471 , credit, ---Old Benares, cash, credit. ---New Malwa, cash, 800 credit, ---

Taels, -Allowance Old Malwa, cash, credit. 810 Allowance Taels, -Exchange.

Bank, Wire, 3/52 30 days' sight, ... 3/6 6 months' sight, ... Documentary, 6 months' sight, 3/72 India, Wire,... ... 218 demand,... Shanghal, demand, 80 days' sight, ... Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ...

Hongkong Bank, 44 % prem. Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,500 North China Ins. Co., Tls. 1,300 China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,400 Yangtaze Ing. Aszoc., Tls. 715 -Chinese Insurance Co., \$800 H.K. Fire Inc. Co., \$820 China Fire Inc. Co., \$180 H.K. & W. Dock Co., 12 dis., ox div. H.K. C. & M. S. boat Co., \$10 dis. Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 16 China Coast St. Nav. Co., Tls. 105 Hongkong Gas Co., \$80 Hongkong Hotel Co., \$65 Chius Sugar Refining Co., \$130. ex div. Chinese Imperial Loan, £112 of 1877, £113

Temperature. (Taken at Mesers Falconer & Co.'s Premises.

Queen's Road.) Hongkone, February 27, 1879. BAROMETER-THERMOMETER - 9 A.M.... 1 P.M. ... 4 P.M. ... Do. (Wet bulb) 9 a.M. 1 p.m. 4 p.m. 66 Do. Maximum 494 W 499 Do. Minimum over night

THE CHINESE INSUR NOE COM-PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

TOTICE is bereby given, that the EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be Held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th March, 1879, at 32 o'Clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th March to the 24th March, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board,

J. BRADLEE SMITH, General Agent.

Hongkong, February 19, 1879.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

OTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above-named Company, will be Held at the Company's Office, No. 39, Queen's Road, in the city of Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 10th day of March next, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of passing cer-tain Special Resolutions providing for the following alterations in the Constitution and Articles of Association of the Company; viz.:-

1.—That the Business of the Company be in future managed by a Board of Directors and a Secretary instead of the former and General Agents as

heretofore. 2.—That if in the opinion of the Directors the Business of the Company in any year be such as not to Warrant the Payment of Interest at \$12 per cent. per annum on the Paid-up Capital they may during such year reduce such Rate to such lower amount as they may consider desirable for the Interests of the Company.

8.—To enable the Directors if a necessity shall arise to pay such Interest or any part thereof out of the Reserve Fund.

4.—To provide that when there shall be profits applicable for dividend the same shall be divisible as the Shareholders in Meeting shall determine. 5.- That Fourteen Days instead of Thirty Days notice may be given of all

Meetings of the Company. 6. That Clause 147 of the Articles of the Company be expunged, leaving future changes in the Regulations of the Company to be made as provided for by Ordinance No. 1 of 1866.

NOTICE is hereby also given, that Second EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company, will be Held at the same Hour and Place on MONDAY, the 24th day of March next, for the purpose of Confirming such Special Resolutions as may be passed at the First mentioned Meeting

Dated this Third day of February, 1879. By Order,

> J. BRADLEE SMITH. General Agent.

To Let. TO LET.

Together or Separately. THE DWELLING HOUSE, OUT. HOUSES, OFFICES and

Recently occupied by Mesars W. Pustau & Co.

GODOWNS,

Apply to LINSTEAD & Co.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879. mal TO LET.

DORTION of a HOUSE, very suitable for OFFICES and DWELLING, also for a STORE, Queen's Road Central. Possession 1st March next.

> Apply to LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, February 4, 1879. TO LET.

TTOUSE No. 7, Zetland Street. Posses-

sion from March 15th. DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, February 26, 1879.

TO LET. the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, altuate on Praya East :-FIRST FLOOR, No. 2, with possession

1st February. HOUSE No. 4, Praya East, either the whole House or in Flats, with possession on the 1st April next.

A FRONT and BACK ROOM in the Dwnining to the eastward of the Pler. with part of its spacious Verandah. Imme-

diato Poesession. TO LET. Triest Class Granite Godowns, attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai,

MARINE LOT 65. Also, SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, bloss to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to MEYER & Ce.

Hongkong, August 18, 1870.

TO BE LET. FIWO Excellent STONE FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10,

Proya Contral: Apply to TURNER & Co.

Hongrong, August 1, 1878. TO LET.

THET CLASS OFFICES and GO DOWNS, Nos. 54 and 60, Praya Contral.

Apply to WO HANG, Not. 8 and 7, Praya West. Monghops, January 2, 1979;

Mails.



STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE

GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-AMPTON, AND LONDON;

ALSO BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship GWALIOR, Captain J. C. BABOT, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 1st March, at

For further Particulars, apply to A. MolVER, Superintendent. Hongkong, February 18, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES;

PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

N SATURDAY, the 8th March, 1879, at Noon, the Company's S. S. VA. Commandant RAPATEL, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the

above places. Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 7th March, 1879. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left

at the Agency's Office.) Contents and value of Packages are required, For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Hongkong, February 25, 1879.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

SER HEIW MOILORKED KI CENTRAL

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES

THD ATLANTIO STEAMERS.

THE S. S. BELGIC will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, to grant Policies against FIRE, to the on MONDAY, the 17th day of March, 1879, extent of £10,000 on any Building, or at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for on Merchandise in the same, at the Japan, the United States and Europe. Connection is made at Yokohama, with per cent.

Steamers from Shanghal. Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 16th March. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION Is made on RETURN PAS-SAGE TICKETS. For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the

Company, No. 87, Queen's Road Central. G. B. EMORY, Agent. Hongkong, February 26, 1879.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.) TASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office. -- Price, \$1 each. CHINA MAIL Office.

Insurances.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premia,

NORTON & Co. Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874,

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (Limited.)

NOTICE:

TOLICIES granted at cuffent fates on Marine Ritks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit, are distributed annually to Contributors: whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the nett amount of Premia contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J, BRADLEE SMITH, General Again, Hopgkops, Decomber 9, 1878.

Insurances.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £ 100,000 Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000 Annual Income £ 250,000

> COMPANY. (FIRE AND LIFE,)

CAPITAL, TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Bulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be recelved, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision. If required, protection will be granted on

first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single For Rates of Premiums, forms of preposals or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,

Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867. THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE-HONGKONG.

GENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Salgon and Penang, Risks accepted, and Polloles of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE YOR POLICY YERS. JAS, B. COUGHTRIE, Storelary, Headyse, Sylvalet 1, 1973,

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked h., near the Kowloong shore k., and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked e., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf. 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works. 2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works. 3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office. 7. From Naval Yard to the Pier. 8. From Pier to East Point.

4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

	4. From Hardour M	BAU	ra to the r.an	a v. v	0. B (ittice.		8, From Pier to mast Point	•	
Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows.	Vessel's Name.	Anchor-	. Captain.	Flag Ri	and	· #	Date of Arrival		Destination,	Remarks
Marine Department. Policies at current rates payable either	Steamers		Ø Anhan	0-4		000	T 1	One les Tempsile & Co		Wilson Thesis
here, in London or at the principal Ports	Albay	4 0	Graham	Brit.	atr.	366 1000		8 Donglas Lapraik & Co. 7 Birley & Co.		K'loon Dock To-day
of India, China and Australia.	Amoy				str.	814	Feb. 2	6 Siemssen & Co.	Shanghal	Ab'deen Dock
Fire Department.	Argyll	5 c	Scott	Brit,	str.			O Jardine, Mathenon & Co.	Saigon	3rd prox.
Policies issued for long or short periods at	Atholl				str.	922 2 652		4 Jardine, Matheson & Co. 6 O. & O. S. S. Co.	S'apóre and Penang Y'hama & S. F'cisco	15th near
current rates. A discount of 20 % allowed.	Bellona	2 h	Ahrens	Ger.	str.			3 Siemasen & Co.	Bangkok	Tom prose
Life Department. Policies issued for sums not exceeding	Bombay	1 h		Brit.	atr.	749	Feb. 1	2 Kwok Acheong		
£5,000 at reduced rates.	Conquest		Scott	Brit.	etr.			0 Kwong Lee Yuen	Powel-1	K'loon Dock
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.	Danube Emuy	3 h	Clanchy	Snon	str,	561	Feb. 2	4 Yuen Fat Hong 5 Remedios & Co.	Bangkok Amoy and Manila	To-day
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.	Fame	6 h	Stopani	Brit.	str.	117	*****	H.K. & W'poa Dock Co.	*	Tug Plying
Hongaong, oury 20, 1012.	Flintshire	2 b	Thomas	Brit,	str.	1237	Feb. 2	l Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Salgon	
MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE	Gwalior	δc	Babot	Brit,	str.	1719	Feb. 2	5 P. & O. S. N. Co.		Mails, let px.
	Hailoong Killarney	0 B	O'Neill	Brit.	etr. etr.	277 1060		6 Douglas Lapraik & Co. 5 Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Tamani, &c. Port Darwin	lat prox.
COMPANY OF	Kwangtung	5 b	Punchard	Brit.	str.			5 Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	2nd prox.
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.	Nestor	5 c	Freeman	Brit.	Btr.	1414	Feb. 2	6 Butterfield & Swire	S'apore and Penang	at daylight.
	Norna	3 k	Wangadan	Brit.	str.			8 Kwok Acheong 1 Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Australian Ports	5th prox.
Established 1824,	Ocean	4 0	Hernaheim	der.	etr.	971 69	Jan. 1	OSiemssen & Co.		Oleared
And the second s	Penedo	4 0	Cain	Brit,	Str.	652	Feb. 2	6 Melchers & Co.	Salgon	
Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling	Sea Gull	48	*********	Amer.	str.	48	July 1	8 W. H. Ray	G21. 42 Nr. 1. 2	a. 1
of which is paid up £ 100,000 ,,	TeviotThales	D C	Nispet	Brit,	str.	1262 820	r -	6 Adamson, Bell & Co. 9 Douglas Lapraik & Co.		2nd prox. K'loon Dock
Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000 "Annual Income £ 250,000 "	Yottung	2 h	Goggin	Brit.	atr.	286		1 Kwok Acheong	Swatow	- 100H D00E
	Zephyr	1 b	Hener	Brit.	str.		*****	Russell & Co.		
THE Undersigned have been appointed	Salling Vessels			D_14	•	con	T 0	O Morrow & Co	Keelung	Wanahat Wan
Agents for the above Company at	Abbey Cowper	4 7	Novan -	Amer	oqe.			9 Meyer & Co. 7 Rozario & Co.	Portland	Wanchai Pier
Hongkong, Canton, Foothow, Shanghal,	1 4 1 C	8 6	Pittaluga	Ital.	bae.	909		7 Vogel & Co.		To-morrow
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates,	Arabella	1 c	Pearson	Brit.	bge.	665	Feb.	4 Master		
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.	Beethoven	4 k	Hajo	Ger.	bqe.	340		5 Melchers & Co.	San Francisco	
(• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Black Hawk	0 C	Kennish	Amer, Reit	BD,	1120 491	JAII. ± Dec	8 Vogel & Co. 6 Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Channel f. o.	
Hongkong, October 15, 1868.	Catherine Marden	4 c	Marden	Brit. 3	m.ac.	287		2 Captain		
CHICA T T OTTO	Channel Queen					609	Jan. 2	8 Eduard Schollham & Co.	Newchwang	
SWISS LLOYD	Charmer					1883	,	8 Order		· · · · ·
TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY	Christins						_	2 J. J. dos Remedios & Co. 8 W. H. Ray		
OF WINTERTHUR.	Coloma	4 c	Hall	Amer.	bae.			5 Russell & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
THE Undersigned having been appointed	Conchita	3 c	Arlan	Span.	bqe,	408	Feb. 1	3 Remedion & Co.		
Agents for the above Company, have	Cordonan	2 c	Bertand	Fch.	bqe.	459		2 Carlowitz & Co.	l'ientain .	
This Day taken over charge of the Hong-	Chammall	4 1	White	Belt.	bge.	585 464		9 Meyer & Co. 6 Wieler & Co.	Manila Takao and Australia	Costan Dock
kong Agency, and are prepared to grant	Davina	8 Ь	Scott	Brit.	bae.	425		7 Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN NAM	
Insurance on Marine Risks at Current Rates to all parts of the World.	Deux Freres	8 c	Chansen	Fch.	\bge.		Feb.	8 Landstein & Co.		
MEYER & Co.	Echo] c	Tozer-	Brit,	bge.			6 Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Ohefoo	•
•	Excelsior							7 Siemssen & Co. 6 Melchers & Co.		
Hongkong, February 10, 1879.	Forward	2 c	Vandevord	Brit.	bqe.	744	Dec. 1	7 Rozario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
MILL COOMMICH TARREST TO THE	Hansa	8 k	Deneken	Ger,	bge.	499		4 Wieler & Co.		
THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-	Hazelhurat	8 k	Goudey	Brit,	bge.			8 Vogel & Co. 1 Russell & Co.	New York Victoria (V. I.)	
ANCE COMPANY.	Berbert Black	4 k	Treat	Amer.	bae.	573	T TT-7	2 Rozario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
	Hermine	2 c	Meyer	Ger.	bae.	350	Feb. 1	5 Chinese		
THE Undersigned having been appointed	Highlander	4 k	Hutchinson	Amer.	ab.			9 Vogel & Co.	171	. 1 e e e
AGENTS in Hongkong for the above- named Company, are prepared to Grant	Holstein Bumboldt	8 C	Kuiper	Ger. 51	m. 16,	281		0 Vogel & Co. 8 Eduard Schellbass & Co.	Hamburg Manila	
Policies against FIRE on Buildings and		2 h	Scott	Belt.	bae.			6 Amhold, Karberg & Co.	1 ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' '	Cleared
on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the	Invincible	4 c	strickland	Amer.	sh,	1450	Dec.	6 Meyer & Co.	Callao	
usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-	Irene	4 c	Yaten	Amer.	sch.	481		SMeyer & Co.	Touron	.
count of 20 per cent. Attention is invited to a considerable	James Shepherd Julie						Reb. 1	4 Melchers & Co. 2 Carlowitz & Co.	Salgon	K'loon Dock
reduction in Premia for Life Insurance in	Kirkland					453	Jan, 2	4 Wieler & Co.	Newchwang	
China.	Larga	7 c	Brown	Brit.	bqe.			7 Eduard Schellhass & Co.		
MEYER & Co.	Lota Marquis of Argyll	B C	Duduela McKeon	Brit.	bge.	972 500	Jan. 1: Dec. 2:	gjurger 4 Rozario & Co		
Hongkong, August 13, 1878.	Matchless	4 6	Dawes	Amer.	ah.	1165	Nov. 1	0 Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
**************************************	Mignon	8 6	Soule	Am. Sr	m. to.	484	Jan,	1 Vogel & Co.	Honolulu	
NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE	Morning Star	1 b	Michaelsen	Siam.	bqe,	670	Dec. 1	Chinese		
INSURANCE COMPANY.	Nehemiah Gibson Pacific Slope	1 1	Tank	Amer.	bge.	799		Meyer & Co. 4 Russell & Co.		
	Papa		Blöse	Ger.	bge.	892	Feb.	Siemssen & Co.	***************	Ab'deen Dock
Incorporated by Royal Charter and	Paul Revere	3 с	Mullin	Amer.	ch,	1735	Feb. 1	2 Captain		
Special Acts of Parliament.	Penobscot	7 c	Uhoperione	Amer.	bge.	1133	Feb. 2	Melcher & Co		
	Penrith Phæton	4 k	School	Brit.	bge.	576	Feb. 2	Wieler & Co.		· ·
Established 1809.	Philippine	3 c	Southwood	Brit,	bge.	801	Feb. 1:	1 Wieler & Co.		
CAPITAL £2,000,000.	Pilgrim	4 k	Fowle	Amer.	ah.	956	Jan. 1	5 Vogel & Co.	Ilollo "	
	Prince Arthur Ralph M. Hayward	2 c	Name	Brit.	oqe,	296 605		0 Eduard Schellhass & Co. 4 Captain	Chefoo	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
FENDER Tinderstoned Aggregate Handleha	Saga	4 c	Silversparre	Swed.	bae.	455	Feb. 1	Wieler & Co.		
HE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared	San Lorenzo	8 c	Vidarte	Span.	sch.	250	Feb.	Remedion & Co.	Manila	
to grant Policies against FIRE, to the	Silver Eagle	4 c	Bichard	Brit.	bqe.	908		Adamson, Bell & Co.	5 11 145	
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or	Stillman R. Allen Stonewall Jackson	A L	Raylor	Amer.	bge.	586 1102	Jan, 24 Dec 8	6 Vogel & Co. 0 Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	: : : : :
on Merchandise in the same, at the	Stracathro	4 c	Millar	Selt	bae.	1159	Dec. 1	Vogel & Co.	London	
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.	Strathmore	4 k	Hemsworth	Brit.	bqe,	500	Dec. 2	1 Captain		
GILMAN & Co.,	Sumarlide	4 .c	Tobiasen	Norw.	вb.	943	Jan.	9 Vogel & Co.	London	
Agents.	Sumatra	ð k	∪iouga	Amer.	ah.	1080	pept.	5 Russell & Co. 5 Vogel & Co.	·	K'loon Dock
Hongkong, July 6, 1875.	Tartar	4 c	Kaemena	Ger.	bg.	256	Feb. 2'	7 Melchers & Co.	*** : *************	C LOUI DOUR
	Thos. A. Goddard	4 0	8mith	Amer.	bae.	682	Jan.	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
BOYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.	Thomas Fletcher	3 k	Pendleton	Amer.	bae.	645	Feb. 23	3 Captain		
THE Undersigned, Agents for the above	Three BrothersVicenta	Z D	Tremova	Span	pue.	367 518	вео, 24 Јап. 9	4 Ee Tye Hong 4 Remedios & Co.	Manila	
Company, are prepared to grant In-	Wandering Minstrel	8 c	Slevewright	Brit.	bae.	362	Feb. 1	Captain		
surances at current rates.	WHAMPOA				7					
MELCHERS & Co.,	Eve	[Merceron Volguardeen	Top.	bge.	827	reb. 1	2 Meyer & Co. 8 Wieler & Co.	Tientsin	
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.	Helene Paul Marle],	voiguarden a		bqe.		Feb. 20	O Carlowitz & Co.	l'ientein	
Hongkong, October 27, 1874.	CANTON		y111111111	- 	~-7	است.				
	Ningpo	t 1	Cass	Brit.	str.	761	Feb. 3	7 Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	
LANCASHIRE INSURANCE	*			, ·	14 16 14					ST. Company of the second

Men-of-war in Mongkong Harbour.

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	Vessel's Name.	duckor-	Flag.	Olass,	Tons.	Guns.	Н. Р.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.			
	Armide Achuelot. Fly Himalaya Iron Duke Idly Mecanee Mosquito Victor Emanuel Vigilant	67777666666	French U. S. British British British British British British British British	Flag-ship (iron-clad) corvette gun vestel trocpship Flag-ship (iron-clad) gun vestel military hospital gunboat Commodore's flag-ship despatch vestsi	8800 1370 584 8453 8787 700 2591 495 8087 885 428	12 6 4 14 3 :4 20 2	450 700 120 800 95 50	Jan. 21 Feb. 12 Dec. 21 Feb. 24 Feb. 15 Jan. 28 Jan. 28 Feb. 25 Feb. 25 Feb. 26	de la Barriere Geo. H. Perkins M. McNeil Ed. White Wm. Cleveland B. E. Cochrane Lt. Com. G. A. Grey Commodore Watson William M. Annesley Recks			

	HAI HARBOUR.	HAROHAM:	STEAMERS,		kg vessels.
Feb. 21, 1	879.	Klang-plati	Ohinese.	Forward Ho!	British ship
		Mang-tung	Chinese	Hilda	British barque
HERTHANT ST	eambrs,	Klang-was	Chinese	Iranu_	British barque
Appin	British	Klang-yuen	Chinese	John Ptitts	Beitish barque
Ava	French	Les Yuan	Chinese	Joyce Phillips	British barque
Chefoo .	British	Loudoun Castle	British	Katsow	British barque
Chinkiang	British	Orista	British	Lydia	British barque
Chin-se	Chinese	*Ningpo	British	Megdala	British ship
Chin-tung	Chinese	Pingion	British	Mary Whitridge	British teliconia
Eldorado	British	Paukong	British	Mary Whitridge	for New York
Flora McDonald	Jiritish	Paou Shun	Chineto	Martha	British ahip
Fungshun	Chineso	Pau-tah	- Chinese	Mikado	British ship
Geelong	British	Pelho	British	Minatitian	British brig
Glaucus	for London, &c.	Shun-les	British	M. A. Dizon	British barque
*Gwallor	British	Sin Nansing	British	Nourmahal	for London
H. C. Orsted	Danish	Taku	« British	Polham	British brig
Hae-an	Chinese	Ta-ytte-futig	American	Quickstop	American soboones
Hao-san	Chinese	Tung Tilig	Chineae	Üllock	British barque
Hae-shin	Chinese	Tunsin	British	Vale of Nith	British barque
Hae-ting	Chinese	Yehsin	Chinesa	Walls Castle	British barque
Han-kwang	Chinese			Wigton	British berque
Hiroshims Maru	Japanese	Radialists T.	iling versels.		
Hochung	Chinese	Banchitha Carrick Castle	British barque British ship	Chamballa	I-OP-WAIL

British barque British ship * Since left port, or arrived at Hongkong. Monocrey U. S. corvette Printed and published by Gao, Myanay Barn, of the China Mail Office, No. 2, Wyncham Street, Honghous,

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